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In re:	Patent Application of Werner Seipel, <i>et al.</i>	: Group Art Unit: 1617
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For:	CLEAR, COSMETIC PREPARATIONS CONTAINING FATTY ACID (POLYGLYCOL) ESTERS, FATTY AL- COHOL (POLYGLYCOL) ETHERS, POLYOLS AND/ OR ALK(EN)YL OLIGOGLYCOSIDES, AND METHODS OF PREPARING THE SAME	: Attorney Docket : No.: H 3980 PCT/US : : :

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 10, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "the current Office Action"), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed, as a Petition for a one-month extension of time, up to and including August 10, 2004, including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner and withdrawal of the Examiner's original Requirement for Election set forth in the Office Action dated October 15, 2003 ("Paper No. 8"), as well as withdrawal of the further/modified Requirement for Election set forth in the Office Action, in light of the following remarks.